

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-19 remain in this application. Claim 2 was previously canceled. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 1 and 3-19 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,639,509. In response, Applicant encloses a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) that is considered sufficient to overcome this ground of rejection.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 3-19 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested, and a timely Notice of Allowability is solicited. If it would be helpful to placing this application in condition for allowance, the Applicant encourages the Examiner to contact the undersigned counsel and conduct a telephonic interview.

To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a two-month extension of time, extending to November 22, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated June 22, 2005. Our check in the amount of \$580.00 is enclosed for the two-month extension of time (\$450.00) pursuant to 37 CFR §1.17(a)(2) and for the Terminal Disclaimer (\$130.00) pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.20(d). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

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